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31 December 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 31 December 1968

The Director was on leave. DDCI was in the chair.

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X1 [REDACTED] advised that Bill Bundy has requested a general overview of the military, political, and economic prospects in Vietnam to be completed prior to 20 January.

Parrott reported that General Maxwell Taylor has requested four briefings prior to 20 January. They include a briefing on Soviet missiles, a visit to NPIC on 8 January, a briefing from the DD/I and the DD/P on Nigeria on 17 January, and a briefing on 15 January on Japan's relations with the Ryukyus (for which State has the major responsibility).

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DD/P drew attention to the cables from Saigon concerning the timing and details of the station's turnover of the RDC and PHOENIX programs. DD/P indicated that a cable will be sent to Saigon station asking that no final commitments concerning the turnover of these programs be undertaken until there has been time for review and reflection at Headquarters.

Acting Director requested that each member of the Executive Committee be prepared at Thursday's Morning Meeting to spend three or four minutes bringing the Director up to date on major issues and problems.

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Acting Director advised that Walt Rostow called yesterday to indicate that he and General Maxwell Taylor would like prepared a SNIE assessing our pacification program in Vietnam in terms of its effectiveness, vulnerabilities, and prospects. D/ONE advised that we will attempt to have the paper ready for the 16 January USIB meeting.



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